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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 1244

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TAGS: PORG, PFOR, US, AF

SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: AFGHANISTAN

REF: STATE 037591

THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ANSWER, AND ARE KEYED TO  
PARA 7 REFTEL. FOR MORE EXTENSIVE TREATMENT SEE  
KABUL A-101, 24 DEC 75 "AFGHAN MULTILATERAL DIP-  
LOMACY: AN EXAMINATION OF FIVE YEARS ROLL CALL  
VOTES AT THE UNGA".

A. GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN'S (GOA) GENERAL  
MULTILATERAL OBJECTIVE IS TO MAINTAIN "NON-ALIGNED"  
CREDENTIALS. AFGHAN PERCEPTION OF RIGHTS OF LAND-  
LOCKED COUNTRIES RESULTS IN SPECIFIC AND SUSTAINED  
INTEREST IN SEABED AND LAW OF SEA (LOS) ISSUES IN  
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COMMITTEES AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF UN, AND REGIONAL

LDC FORUMS. SOME AFGHANS HAVE AN EMOTIONAL AVERSION TO ISRAEL, WHICH COMBINES WITH GOA DESIRE FOR GOOD STANDING AMONG ISLAMIC NATIONS, AND GOA HAS AND WILL ADOPT ANTI-ISRALI STANDS IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES. GOA HAS RAISED "PUSHTUNISTAN" DISPUTE WITH PAKISTAN IN UN AND MAY DO SO AGAIN.

B. GOA SEEKS TO MAINTAIN "NON-ALIGNED" CREDENTIALS BY VOTING WITH MAJORITY ON MOST UNGA RESOLUTIONS. ON LOS ISSUES GOA REPRESENTS ITS VIEWS AS DETERMINED BY DECISIONS TAKEN BY LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES, SUCH AS KAMPALA DECLARATION. GOA IS RELATIVELY PASSIVE IN ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE POSITIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES/GROUPS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES.

C. GOA BRIEFS ITS DELEGATES IN GENERAL TERMS PRIOR TO UNGA, WHICH ENCOURAGES TENDENCY TO VOTE PAST POSITIONS AND/OR MAJORITY POSITIONS. COMMUNICATIONS ARE POOR AND LITTLE ATTEMPT IS MADE FROM KABUL TO CONTROL DELEGATES WHILE MEETINGS ARE IN PROGRESS. DELS ORDINARILY REPORT ONLY AFTER RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN. INSTRUCTIONS ARE RARELY ISSUED FROM KABUL DURING SESSIONS.

D. NO.

E. GOA INVARIABLY GIVES FAIR HEARING TO U.S. REPRESENTATIONS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES, AND APPEARS TO HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH USG-GOA INTERACTION AND DISCUSSION OF SUCH ISSUES AS PART OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. GOA SOLICITS U.S. SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY OF AFGHANS FOR POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. AT WORKING LEVEL GOA WELCOMES USG VIEWS ON PROBABLE AGENDA, IMPORTANT ISSUES, AND PROBABLE DEVELOPMENT OF UPCOMING MULTILATERAL MEETINGS AND IS LARGELY DEPENDENT ON U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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